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Dear Employer

### **South Africa February 2008 – Invitation to participate**

The Government of South Australia is keen to support employers who would like to access international sources of skilled labour. Many have expressed an interest in exploring South Africa as such a source.

South Africa's workforce has particular strengths in mining, construction, engineering and trades and many Australian employers are currently sourcing skills in these areas.

Business SA recently contacted its membership inviting registration of interest in joining a delegation to South Africa in February next year.

We now invite you to register your interest in learning more about overseas recruitment or in joining the visit to South Africa, departing Adelaide Wednesday, 20 February.

Immigration SA will support the delegation by providing advice and information relating to migration to South Australia (including visas and on arrival support) and promoting the state as an attractive migration destination.

First stop will be Johannesburg (20 – 23 February), from where the delegation will move into regional South Africa, endeavouring to reach those who are unable or unlikely to travel the long distances to city centres. The regional seminars will be held in Durban (23 – 25 February) and Port Elizabeth (25 – 27 February), returning to Adelaide, Friday, 29 February.

South Australian employers are invited to attend these events to personally promote vacancies within their business and meet prospective migrants who may have the skills and experience needed to fill their skilled vacancies. In each location, there will be a familiarisation session for migration agents and a consumer seminar, with the following day set aside for individual interviews.

If you would like to participate in these events, please complete the attached as a summary of the types of positions you have available and the skills you are looking for and forward to Jo Harris, International Events Coordinator by Monday 10 December.

A preliminary information seminar for intending participants will be held in mid-December.

If there are specific skills you wish to attract, but are unable to participate directly in these attraction activities, please contact us to arrange to promote vacancies on your behalf at the functions.

This visit is just one of a number of events in which Immigration SA looks to support South Australian employers. We look forward to assisting you meet the challenges presented by skills shortages and invite you to consider attending these events as a positive strategy to meet your workforce needs.

Yours sincerely

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